

That the Committee be authorized to select and initiate subjects for investigation within their jurisdiction and to prepare background papers, reports and research in this regard.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I just want to put on the record that we certainly agree to this motion to set up the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism. We will be very interested in participating actively in the committee. Our critic on multiculturalism, the Member for York West (Mr. Marchi), had spoken on our behalf in actively seeking the establishment of such a committee. Therefore, we are pleased to give unanimous consent at this time.

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the New Democratic Party, I concur. While the negotiations were difficult at times, we will accept this committee as proposed.

Motion agreed to.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS—EXTENSION OF REPORTING DEADLINE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion with respect to the subcommittee on Equality Rights of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs which has also been the subject of consultation. I believe that you will find that this motion will also be received and passed unanimously without debate. It is as follows:

That pursuant to the Committee's order of reference dated Tuesday, February 26, 1985, the deadline for submitting the final report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs be extended to October 15, 1985.

Motion agreed to.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE— AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have another motion specifically to empower the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence to travel to France. Of course, the undertaking and understanding would apply to this motion. It reads:

That the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence be empowered to travel to France during the month of September, 1985.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 323 and 339.

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

UNPRESCRIBED SHORT-STRAWED WHEAT VARIETIES

Question No. 323—**Mr. Althouse:**

1. Did the Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board) set up a committee to examine the options for dealing with the unprescribed short-strawed wheat varieties and, if so (a) what criteria were used in the selection of the members (b) who are the members of the committee (c) what aspects of the industry are represented?

2. (a) Have any members of the committee grown the unprescribed varieties or sold them for seed purposes and, if so, which members (b) how many members have bought the production of such unprescribed varieties for use as feed or as an item of commerce?

3. Is the (a) importation (b) purchase for commercial use (c) sale of such unprescribed varieties legal?

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board)): 1. Yes, the committee was made up of representatives of producer organizations, grain handling companies, exporting firms, the Canadian Wheat Board and the Canadian Grain Commission. Present, with the Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board), for the announcement of the Government's response to the committee's findings were the Chief Commissioner, Canadian Wheat Board; the Chief Commissioner, the Canadian Grain Commission; and the Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Pool Elevators; and a representative of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association.

2. Whether or not a member of the committee had grown or purchased unprescribed wheat varieties was not a consideration for participation on the committee.

3. It is illegal under the Canada Grain Act to import unprescribed varieties into Canada. However, once unprescribed varieties are present in Canada, it is legal to grow and market them.

TASK FORCE ON PROGRAM REVIEW

Question No. 339—**Mr. Foster:**

Is there a government task force on program review and, if so (a) what is the biographical background of each member of the Study Team on Native Programs (b) what are their qualifications (c) what is each member being paid?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Yes.

(a), (b) and (c):

Team Leader: Mr. Jim Collinson
Assistant Secretary
Aboriginal Constitutional Affairs
Federal-Provincial Relations Office

Public Sector Members: Mr. Tom Clarke
Director
Financial Policy and Research
Department of Indian Affairs and
Northern Development

Mr. Edwin Daniels
Director
Policy Co-ordinator and Band
Government Division
Department of Indian Affairs and
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